

Remarks

Claims 1, 3, 8-11, 13-15, 18, 20, 21, and 31-35 remain in the application. Claims 1, 11, 18, and 20 are independent. Claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 10, 11, 15, and 35 have been amended.

Claims 11, 13-15 were objected to, but deemed allowable if a typographical error to claim 11 were corrected. Appropriate correction to claim 11 has been effected. Accordingly, applicants submit that claim 11 and claims 12-14 dependent therefrom are allowable and withdrawal of the objections to those claims is requested.

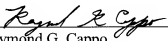
Claims 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice, thus mooted the rejections to these claims.

Claims 10, 15, and 35 have been amended to correct a grammatical error, thereby placing them in condition for allowance.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested. No fee is believed to be due in connection with the present Amendment. If, however, other fees are deemed necessary for this Amendment to be entered and considered by the Examiner, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 501358. Applicants' undersigned agent may be reached by telephone at (973) 597-2500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.



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